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## **New Castle Correctional Facility Recommended for Re-accreditation**

New Castle, IN (September 23, 2010) – The New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) has been recommended for re-accreditation after receiving high praise following the completion of an intensive audit completed by a Visiting Committee of the American Correctional Association.

As reported during the exit briefing by the Visiting Committee's Chairperson, NCCF achieved the very rare distinction of being recommended as being 100% compliant in not only all mandatory standards (which is required), but also 100% compliant in all non-mandatory standards.

The audit team spent three days touring facility grounds, reviewing policies, procedures and practices, observing staff, and interviewing offenders. Each operational and program area was evaluated to determine whether or not compliance to the applicable standards was evident. The audit team commended staff for demonstrating outstanding teamwork in maintaining a safe and secure facility and for their professionalism and positive attitudes. They were impressed by the many program opportunities for offenders, and the facility's commitment to assisting each inmate with achieving a viable re-entry plan. The auditors were particularly impressed with the cleanliness of the institution and the attractiveness of the grounds.

Superintendent Donald Stine applauded all staff for the terrific job they do each day and for ensuring that evidence of the facility's compliance to the over 500 ACA standards is clearly apparent.

The facility will go before the American Correctional Association Hearing Panel in January 2011 for confirmation of the three-year re-accreditation.

**About the New Castle Correctional Facility:** The institution is located in Henry County, Indiana, approximately 50 miles east of Indianapolis. The facility houses over 2500 male offenders and includes a special treatment unit for individuals in need of mental health services. NCCF is managed by the GEO Group, Inc. in a public-private partnership with the State of Indiana. The contract is administered by the Indiana Department of Correction. The mission of the GEO Group is to offer high quality, cost-efficient, solutions that provide the "best value" to government agencies responsible for the provision of correctional, detention and residential care treatment services.

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